

AGE MATRIX

1. Parents are responsible for the welfare and safety of children in the military community.
2. Each child is unique. Personality, environment, developmental progress, and maturity level are factors used to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. The following are minimum community standards, under no circumstances will these guidelines be reduced. Parents are still required to assess their child and, if necessary, raise the age limits.

Age of Child	Left Without Sitter in Quarters	Left Alone Overnight	Play Outside Unattended	Left in Car Unattended	Child Sit Siblings	Child Sit Others
Newborn thru age 3yrs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
4 - 6 years	NO	NO	YES: with immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision	NO	NO	NO
7 - 9 years	NO	NO	YES: with access to adult supervision and sponsor knows location of child	NO	NO	NO
10 - 11 years	YES: with ready access to adult supervision; Limit - 3hrs	NO	YES: with access to adult supervision	YES: with keys removed and handbrake applied	NO	NO
12 - 14 years	YES: with access to adult supervision; Limit - 6 hrs	NO	YES: with access to adult supervision	YES	YES: **see below	YES: ** see below may not sit overnight
15 - 18 years	YES	YES: with access to adult supervision	YES: with access to adult supervision	YES	YES: **see below	YES: **see below may sit overnight

**Recommend Child Development Services Baby-sitting Training Course, call 596-0238 for more information
Must be 13 years old to attend this course, IAW AR 608-10, para 7-30 (a)

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